

IMS/FPLG-82/12
25 January 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: []
Office of General Counsel

FROM: []
DO Information Review Officer

SUBJECT: United States v Edgars Laipenieks

1. Reference is made to the DOJ/OSI's verbal request to use the photographs of Jekabs Laipenieks (reportedly the cousin of Edgars Laipenieks) in subject litigation. I am informed that Mr. Richard Sullivan, DOJ/OSI, has given assurance that the CIA would not be identified in court as the source of the photos.

2. As you are aware, the photographs were shown to Edgars Laipenieks by a representative of the Directorate of Operations in 1963. It is probable that, on seeing the photos, Edgar Laipenieks would remember that they were shown to him by a CIA representative and would confirm that fact publicly. Since these photos were received from the Swiss Security Service, it is the position of this Directorate that the Agency cannot take the risk of incurring the damage to our liaison relationships and U.S. foreign relations which would result if the Swiss service were to discover such a breach of our mutual confidential agreements. The public use of these photos for any reason is denied.

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